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Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application (Divisional) Transmittal
From: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/456,184
Filed: December 7, 1999
For: ACTUATOR AND DRIVING APPARATUS THEREOF
(being amended to **PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR**)
By: Hiroyuki OKADA
Attorney Docket: 15162/01321

Dear Sir:

This Divisional Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with ACTUATOR AND DRIVING APPARATUS THEREOF (**being amended to PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR**), Hiroyuki OKADA, inventor.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

DIVISIONAL APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter and a duplicate copy hereof (containing pertinent information relating to parent Application Serial No. 09/456,184, filed December 7, 1999 and a breakdown of the amount of fees due and deposit account authorization);

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- (2) Copy of the Specification of the parent Application Serial No. 09/456,184 (58 pages, including 26 claims and an abstract);
- (3) Formal Drawings from parent Application Serial No. 09/456,184 (18 sheets) (Figs. 1-27); and
- (4) Transmittal of Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages) with attached copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from parent Application Serial No. 09/456,184 (3 pages).

ACCOMPANYING DIVISIONAL APPLICATION PARTS:

- (5) Preliminary Amendment (7 pages);
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages);
- (7) PTO-1449 Form (1 page);
- (8) Copy of one (1) foreign cited reference; and
- (9) One Return Receipt Post Card each for each of the following grouping of items: (1)-(4), (5), and (6)-(8), above.

This new application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/456,184, filed December 7, 1999, which claimed priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 10-359568.

An Assignment from the inventor, Hiroyuki OKADA, to MINOLTA CO., LTD., of the parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/456,184, is recorded at **REEL 010445, FRAME 0118**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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